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Q. What is the role of man & woman in Islamic society. What are their responsibilities towards character building of the new generation.

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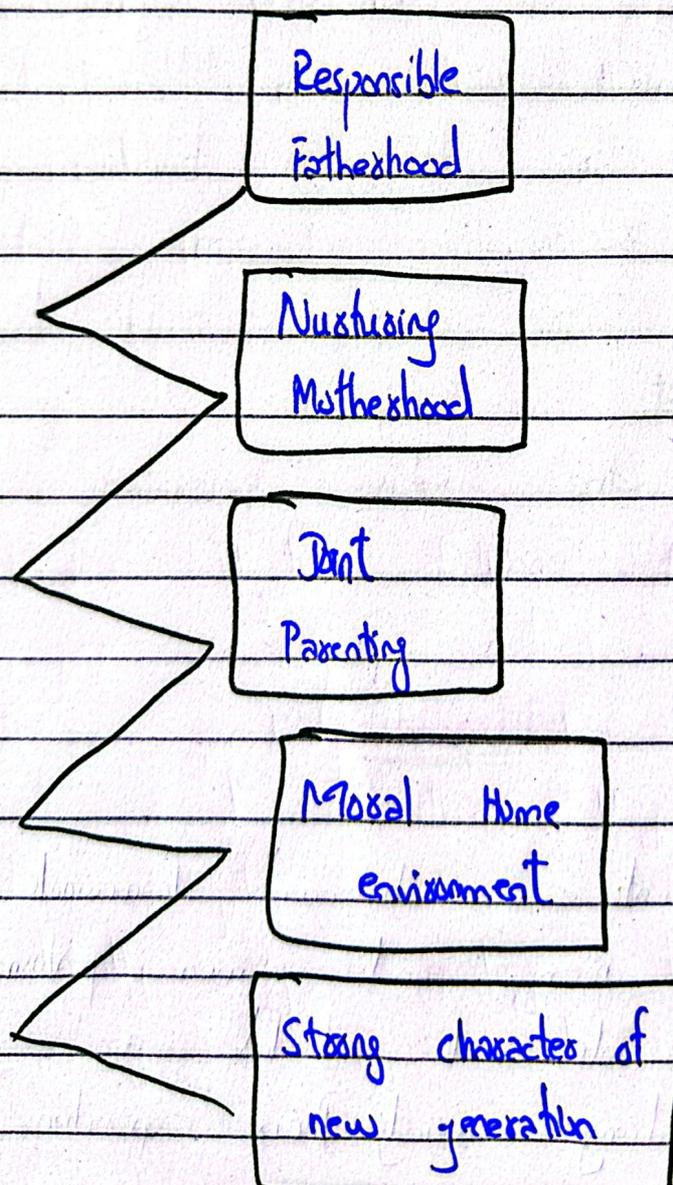
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Introduction

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Islam presents a balanced framework in which men and women perform complementary roles to build a morally strong society. Their cooperation

is essential for nurturing the new generation. By fulfilling their assigned roles, parents provide emotional stability, spiritual guidance, and moral training. This ensures children grow disciplined, confident, and equipped to contribute positively to both family and society.



② Role of man in Islamic society for character building

2.1, Man as protector and provider for family stability &

Islam assigns men the primary duty of financial support and protection to maintain family stability. Responsible provision removes anxiety and creates a secure environment where children can grow confidently. Fathers who manage resources wisely also teach children values of responsibility, gratitude, and ethical conduct, laying the foundation for their moral and social development.

Ayat

﴿ الرجال قوامون على النساء ﴾
"Men are caretakers of women"

2.2, Man as moral leader and household guardian &

Beyond earning livelihood, a man must model strong moral conduct before his family. According to Abul Ala Maududi, practical example influences children more than verbal instruction. Fathers demonstrating honesty, fairness, and devotion instill ethical habits. This consistent moral guidance ensures children internalize responsibility and social respect that remain with them throughout life.

2.3 Man as guide responsible for children's education ?

Islam obligates fathers to ensure proper religious and worldly education. This responsibility guarantees intellectual and moral growth, enabling children to navigate modern challenges confidently. By supporting study habits, supervising learning, and encouraging

critical thinking, fathers foster well-rounded personalities. Children learn to value knowledge, apply Islamic principles, and grow into capable, socially responsible adults.

Hadith

كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ
Each of you is a shepherd

2.4, Man ensuring justice and emotional security at home :

Islam requires men to exercise authority with justice and compassion inside the household. Khurshid Ahmad explains that fair paternal behavior builds emotional security, trust, and self confidence. Children exposed to fairness develop empathy and social responsibility. Balanced discipline combined with love ensures moral awareness, ethical decision-making, and readiness

to uphold justice in their wider community as adults.

③ Role of woman in Islamic society for character building.

3.1, Women as primary nurturers of the new generation :-

Women hold the central role in early nurturing and emotional development of children. Their continuous care shapes personality foundations during formative years. Mothers provide emotional stability, instill ethical values, and guide spiritual practices. This early influence builds confidence, moral sensitivity, and social awareness, making maternal involvement decisive for producing balanced and responsible future citizens.

Ayat

وَوَعَيْنَا الْاِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْنِ اِحْسَانًا ۝

"we have enjoined kindness to parents"

3.2 Women as first moral teachers of children

Islam recognizes mothers as the earliest moral guides. Muhammad Asad highlights that daily interactions teach honesty, patience, and faith.

Mothers shape behavior through example, dialogue, and consistent encouragement.

Their guidance forms the ethical foundation for children, ensuring that moral values become internalized early and remain the guiding principle in social interactions and spiritual decision-making throughout life.

3.3 Women as educated guide and value transmitters

Islam encourages women to acquire

knowledge to educate their children effectively. Educated mothers combine intellectual awareness with moral training.

This prepares children to understand both Islamic teachings and worldly realities. They grow with confidence, clarity of values, and critical thinking, capable of navigating challenges while maintaining a strong Islamic identity and ethical conduct.

Hadith

طلب العلم فریضه
Seeking knowledge is obligatory

3.4, Women as builders of peaceful family environment :

Mothers maintain emotional harmony and cultivate a stable household. Afzalur Rahman explains that a peaceful home develops trust, confidence, and social skills. Women manage conflicts gently, model patience, and encourage cooperation. Such

nurturing environments strengthen children's resilience, emotional intelligence, and capacity to uphold Islamic ethics, creating future adults who respect family, community, and societal obligations.

④ Joint responsibilities of man and woman for character building.

7.1) Cooperative parenting for balanced upbringing

Islam emphasizes cooperation between husband and wife in raising children. Joint supervision combines discipline with affection, ensuring consistency in moral guidance. Coordinated parenting reduces confusion, encourages healthy social interactions, and teaches respect for authority. Children learn teamwork, empathy, and social responsibility while absorbing Islamic ethical values through both parents unified guidance.

4.2, Transmission of Islamic values through practical example

Parents transmit values by example rather than words alone. Umeo Chapra notes that children observe honesty, prayer, and ethical conduct in everyday interactions. Consistency in parents' behavior instills lasting moral habits. Children adopt these values naturally, understanding Islam as a practical way of life rather than abstract teaching, strengthening their character and social integrity.

4.3, Creating a moral healthy home environment

A morally structured home protects children from harmful influences and promotes ethical habits. Limiting harmful media, encouraging Islamic manners, and

fostering respectful communication create a stable environment for character formation.

Children raised in this environment develop discipline, moral clarity, and emotional stability, preparing them for responsible adulthood.

Hadith

"No gift better than good manners"

4.4, Balanced discipline and

continuous supervision

Parents must combine guidance with gentle discipline. Muhammad Al-Buraey emphasizes organized family management strengthens society. Consistent oversight nurtures self-control, decision-making, and ethical reasoning.

Children raised in this environment learn accountability and develop practical skills to contribute positively to society, reflecting the combined influence of both parents in shaping strong Islamic character.

(5) Impact on Character building of the new generation

5.1 Development of socially responsible Muslim youth

Balanced parental guidance produces socially conscious, morally disciplined youth. Children internalize ethics, empathy, and justice, becoming responsible citizens.

Exposure to fairness, love, and religious practice ensures long-term adherence to Islamic principles.

These traits prepare them to engage in community life, address societal challenges, and uphold Islamic moral standards consistently.

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لَا تَقْرَبُوا زِينَةَ الْفِتْرِ

Protect yourselves and your families.

5.2 Preservation of Islamic identity in Modern times

Strong parental involvement safeguards Islamic identity amid modern pressures. Muhammad Qutub notes that morally guided homes ensure youth retain faith, values, and ethical clarity. Early training in religion, social manners, and civic responsibility produces confident adults able to uphold Islamic teachings, resist cultural confusion, and act as role models within diverse contemporary societies.

5.3 Strengthening of family and social stability

Children nurtured in disciplined homes internalize ethical habits, respect authority, and develop sound moral reasoning. Such upbringing produces adults who strengthen family cohesion, foster community harmony, and act as ethical pillars in

society, ensuring that moral and Islamic values continues to guide future generations effectively.

Hadith

كل مولود يولد على الفطرة
"Every child is born on nature."

5.4, Preparation of future moral leadership

Well-nurtured children emerge as future leaders capable of guiding society. Hamidullah highlights that families instilling justice, responsibility, and spirituality produce principled leaders. These adults contribute positively to governance, social cohesion, and ethical advancement, ensuring the continuity of moral and Islamic values in broader societal structures for generations.

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Conclusion

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Islam att/ assigns complementary and essential roles of men and women in shaping the new generation. When both fulfill responsibilities diligently, families thrive and society maintains moral stability. Observing these principles cultivates disciplined, confident, and ethically sound youth, forming the foundation of a progressive Muslim society capable of meeting spiritual, societal, and modern challenges effectively.

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